

Amendment to the Specification:

Please amend the Disclosure of the Invention as originally filed with the following re-written Disclosure of the Invention:

Disclosure of the Invention:

The present invention comprises a strainer or guard that is placed in front of a swimming pool skimmer to trap leaves and other floating debris before it enters the skimmer, thereby minimizing or eliminating clogging of the skimmer without requiring
5 frequent inspection and cleaning of the skimmer.

The strainer or guard is formed of an open, mesh or mesh-like material that projects above and below water level and extends in outwardly spaced relationship to the skimmer. It is open at least at its bottom and functions to pass water while trapping
10 leaves and other floating debris. Since the skimmer remains free of debris, and the water level in the space between the guard and skimmer is independent of the amount of debris trapped in front of the guard, water is always available to flow at its normal rate through the skimmer, regardless of the amount of debris that might be trapped in front of the guard.

15 Preferably, the skimmer guard is simple and inexpensive to manufacture, is adjustable to fit different size and style skimmers, and is easy to apply and remove.